

Year	Paddy	Wheat	Gram
1998-99	440 (Common) 470 (Grade 'A')	550	895
1999-2000	490 (Common) 520 (Grade 'A')	580	1015

*Including a Central Bonus of Rs. 60.00/Qtl. payable upto 30th June, 1997.

**Including a Central Bonus of Rs. 55.00/Qtl. payable from 1-1-98 to 30-6-98.

Enquiry against DG, ICAR

2896. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) was indicted by a Vigilance Committee over the purchase of a computer system and on the CBI recommendations he was removed from his post while the inquiry was pending;

(b) if so, whether the Vigilance Committee's inquiry report has been sent to the CBI or CVC; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Allegations against the Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have been enquired into by Sh. Bhaskar Barua, formerly Secretary, Deptt. of Agriculture & Cooperation who has since taken voluntary retirement from Government service on 26th February, 2001. The report is under process.

Problem of Indebtedness among Farmers

2897. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee has been appointed by Government to study the problem of indebtedness among farmers in the country; and